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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

- 1-32. (canceled)
33. (previously presented) A method of reducing the carbon content of fly ash comprising:
 - diverting a first batch of fly ash to a first processing unit;
 - processing the first batch of fly ash in the first processing unit;
 - diverting a second batch of fly ash to a second processing unit;
 - processing the second batch of fly ash in the second processing unit;
 - diverting a third batch of fly ash to the first processing unit before processing of the second batch of fly ash is completed; and
 - collecting the first and second processed batches of fly ash,wherein the first processing unit and the second processing unit independently include at least a combustion unit.
34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein processing the first batch of fly ash comprises combusting the fly ash.
35. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein diverting the first and second batches of fly ash is substantially continuous.
36. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising feeding fly ash to a diverter.

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37. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising processing the third batch of fly ash.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein processing of at least one of the first, second, or third batches of fly ash reduces the carbon content of the batch of fly ash.

39-41. (canceled)